



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Masaru IDE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1734

Application No.: 10/505,439

Examiner: George R. Koch

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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO MISCELLANEOUS PAPER REGARDING
REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION/RESTRICTION**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In further response to the Miscellaneous Paper dated October 20, 2006, Applicants traverse and respectfully submit Group I and II should be combined (re-joined). Subject to the foregoing traverse, Applicants respectfully elect claims 20-27 and 39, i.e., species (1) of Group (I). It is understood that election is for at least claims 20-27, although it would be appreciated if at least claim 39 were included. It appears that there may be some uncertainty overseas about whether or not claims 28-28, and perhaps claim 39 are non-elected. As to Group II, Applicants' elect species (3) – claims 30-34. Favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited..

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. This sheet is filed in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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